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PANGKOR RETREAT AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT STRATEGIES FOR WORLD PEACE

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PULAU PANGKOR, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- The Asian Global Leadership Forum: The Pangkor Retreat, which will focus on global peace and prosperity, will pose an ideal platform for participants to set the thinking for a better world.

The forum which took off today is being attended by world-renowned, carefully selected people -- not for their celebrity status -- but as movers and shakers in specific and relevant areas of expertise.

They have been chosen to represent the various sessions around which the dialogue would be structured, namely economic outlook, politics and security, women, youth, culture, banking and financial services, industrial and technology.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his preface to the three-day forum said: "In this rapidly globalising world, we will require better global governance...For this, we need to deploy the best global resources available to us."

Dr Mahathir would be the guest of honour for the event and joining him will be the United Nation's Ambassador for Peace, Luciano Pavarotti.

The Prime Minister expressed appreciation that Malaysia had been chosen to host the forum, saying that the country believed in constructive engagement rather than conflict as the answer to the world's ills.

Noting that the organisers had taken a very original approach in organising the conference, he said, "I commend it most for its high purpose, its timeliness and its relevance."

World-renowned tenor, Pavarotti would be performing at the forum, pitching in his contribution towards the search for peace.

The organisers; YTL, Forbes Magazine and Asean Strategic Leadership Institute (ASLI), said in a statement, Malaysia was chosen for the event as it represented a modern, tolerant and peace-loving Islamic country.

In addition, Malaysia has also been a role model in the management of ethnic diversity which continue to pose as a challenge in a globalising world.

"International visitors may be assured of feeling comfortable in this haven of safety and security," the organisers said.

Among the prominent speakers at the event would be Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, co-chairman and president of ASLI, Mirzan Mahathir, co-chairman and president of Forbes Magazine, Steve Forbes, US Ambassador to Malaysia, Marie T.Huhtala, and YTL's chief executive officer Tan Sri Francis Yeoh.

Major topics to be discussed tomorrow would be "Snapshots of The Global Economy: Challenges and Outlook", "The Political and Security Imperatives", and "Ambassador of Peace - New Voices: Enlisting Reinforcement in the Peace Offensive."

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